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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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<i>Application Number</i>	10/009,696
<i>Filing Date</i>	November 6, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	John Eric Arnold, et al
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3683
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

- **NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Patent Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

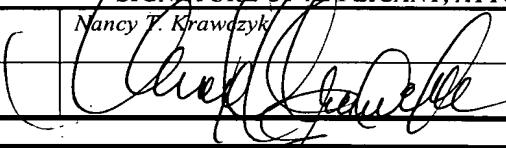
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ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	01 FC:1801		790.00	DA	
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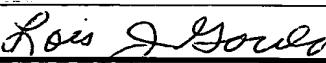
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